

**立法會**  
**Legislative Council**

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**Bills Committee on Statute Law**  
**(Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2008**

**Minutes of the first meeting**  
**held on Friday, 18 April 2008, at 10:45 am**  
**in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

**Members present** : Hon Margaret NG (Chairman)  
Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP  
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP  
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC

**Members absent** : Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH, JP

**Public Officers attending** : Item II

Department of Justice

Mr Michael Scott  
Senior Assistant Solicitor General

Ms Kitty FUNG  
Senior Government Counsel  
Legal Policy Division

Ms Vicki LEE  
Senior Government Counsel  
Law Drafting Division

Ms Karmen KWOK  
Government Counsel  
Law Drafting Division

Ms Stella CHAN  
Senior Government Counsel (Ag.)  
Legal Policy Division

**Clerk in attendance** : Miss Betty MA  
Chief Council Secretary (2) 4

**Staff in attendance** : Mr Timothy TSO  
Assistant Legal Adviser 2

Mr Chris LAI  
Senior Council Secretary (2) 7

Action

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**I. Election of Chairman**

Ms Margaret NG was elected Chairman of the Bills Committee.

**II. Meeting with the Administration**

2. The Bills Committee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

Proposed amendments to the Conveyancing and Property Ordinance (Cap. 219)

3. In response to the Chairman, Senior Government Counsel/Legal Policy Division advised that The Hong Kong Bar Association had been consulted on and agreed with the proposed amendments to the Conveyancing and Property Ordinance (CPO) (Cap. 219) under Part 6 of the Bill.

Follow-up action

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4. The Administration was requested to provide a paper on the background to, and the details and implications of the proposed amendments under Part 6 of the Bill. The Administration was also requested to provide members with the two judgments which prompted the proposed amendments.

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**III. Date of next meeting**

5. Members agreed that the Bills Committee would hold the next meeting on 2 May 2008 at 8:30 am.

6. Members agreed that the Bills Committee would first study the proposed amendments to CPO under Part 6 of the Bill at the next meeting, followed by the proposed amendments to various Ordinances containing offence provisions with the drafting formula "to the satisfaction of" an enforcement agency under Parts 2 to 4 of the Bill. Members further agreed that invitation of public views on the Bill was not necessary.

7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:00 am.

Council Business Division 2  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
5 May 2008

**Proceedings of the first meeting of the  
Bills Committee on Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2008  
on Friday, 18 April 2008, at 10:45 am  
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<b>Time marker</b>	<b>Speaker(s)</b>	<b>Subject(s)</b>	<b>Action required</b>
<i>Agenda item I – Election of Chairman</i>			
000000 - 000200	Ms Margaret NG Ms Miriam LAU Mr Ronny TONG	Election of the Chairman	
<i>Agenda item II – Meeting with the Administration</i>			
000201 - 000732	Chairman Ms Miriam LAU Mr Ronny TONG Admin	Proposed amendments to the Conveyancing and Property Ordinance (Cap. 219)  The two legal professional bodies' views on the proposed amendments  The Administration was requested to provide a paper on the background to, and the details and implications of the proposed amendments, as well as the relevant judgments	<b>Admin</b>
<i>Any Other Business</i>			
000733 - 001129	Chairman Mr Ronny TONG Ms Miriam LAU Mr Martin LEE Clerk	Date of next meeting	
001130 - 001457	Chairman Mr Ronny TONG Ms Miriam LAU Admin	Invitation of public views on the Bill	